

55253 to 55366—Continued.

55315 to 55319. PRIMULA MUSCARIOIDES Hemsl.

A primrose with rather fleshy light-green leaves 4 or 5 inches in length. The scapes, twice as long as the leaves, bear the heads of deep purple-blue or almost violet flowers. The plant inhabits moist open places on the edges of forests in Yunnan, China. (Adapted from *Curtis's Botanical Magazine*, pl. 8168.)

55315. "(No. 4436.)"

55318. "(No. 4225.)"

55316. "(No. 4180.)"

55319. "(No. 4748.)"

55317. "(No. 4077.)"

55320 to 55332. PRIMULA NIVALIS Pall.

This species is found in every part of the world where primroses grow excepting South America; it varies considerably according to its geographic location. The rather thick, ribbon-shaped leaves are often coated with silver or golden meal, and the flowers, usually blue or purple but sometimes white, are borne in large clusters. (Adapted from the *Journal of the Royal Horticultural Society*, vol. 39, p. 160.)

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 48369.

55320. "Deep Tyrian purple with an eye almost black."

55321 and 55322. "(No. 4055.)"

55323 and 55324. "(No. 4080.)"

55325. "(No. 4141.)"

55326 and 55327. "(No. 4176.)"

55328 to 55330. "(No. 4385.)"

55331. "(No. 4911.)"

55332. "(No. 5000 K.)"

55333 and 55334. PRIMULA POISSONI Franch.

"(No. 4024.)"

A stout, smooth Chinese primrose with rigid, leathery, oblong, pale-green leaves 2 or 3 inches long and a solitary flower stalk which bears one or more whorls of pink flowers. (Adapted from *Curtis's Botanical Magazine*, pl. 7216.)

55335 and 55336. PRIMULA SECUNDIFLORA Franch.

"(No. 4175.)"

This is one of the finest Chinese primroses; it is a native of the Likiang Mountains in northwestern Yunnan, China, where it ascends almost to snow level, 15,000 feet above the sea. On the lower plateaus, at 11,500 feet altitude, this plant forms dense colonies with scapes up to 14 inches in height. The fragrant flowers are a beautiful shade of deep crimson, faintly tinged with purple, and droop gracefully from the scapes. The calyxes are ruddy purple, marked with white lines along the margins. (Adapted from *Gardeners' Chronicle*, 3d ser., vol. 51, p. 281.)

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 48375.

55337 and 55338. PRIMULA SIKKIMENSIS Hook.

A robust primrose from rather wet situations in the Himalayas at altitudes of 12,000 to 17,000 feet. It sends up strong flower stems a foot or two in height, which bear numerous bell-shaped pale-yellow fragrant flowers. This species is hardy in England. (Adapted from *Robinson, English Flower Garden*, p. 739.)

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 48378.

55337. "(No. 4930.)"

55338. "(No. 4179.)"